Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Period of service: 9 June 2013 to 1 March 2014  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15  
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 9 June 2013 to 1 March 2014, Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment and the cited unit displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The units executed sustained village stability and combat operations against a determined enemy insurgent force, ultimately denying sanctuary to the anti-coalition enemy fighters and leading to the destruction of insurgents and terrorist organizations. The actions, professionalism and personal courage of the units directly contributed to the success of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan’s priorities and lines of effort during a tumultuous time. Due in part to the units selfless service the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan were able to partner with the Afghan National Security Forces to strengthen the strategic security environment and improve the legitimacy of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment and the cited unit outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest of traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon themselves, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan and the United States Army.  
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in Department of the Army General Orders. Official verification of a specific unit’s entitlement to display the award in the form of an appropriate streamer on its flag or guidon rests with the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), which is also responsible for determining official unit Lineage and Honors for MTOE organizations. CMH will use this permanent order to authorize the manufacture of an appropriate decoration streamer for any organization clearly entitled to display the award.
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1600 Spearhead Division Ave., Fort Knox, KY 40122, 14 July 2014

The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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